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1812 Dates J-BK

In England, there were the  
earliest reference to wooden coffers

542 AD 1371 - 694 AD.

The most devastating plague  
the world has ever known  
began spreading from Egypt  
along the great trade routes  
through Asia Minor to  
Constantinople, Greece, Italy  
and even as far as the Rhine.  
The disease raged for 52 years.  
Killed an estimated 100 million people.

AD 542

Bubonic plague. In the Mediterranean region ("Plague of Justinian"), then to China in AD 610.

542-543AD

The bubonic plague that swept through much of the civilized world - reported by Procopius - to have killed up to 10,000 people in a day in Byzantium alone at the height of its virulence. Emperor Justinian caught the disease but recovered.

Candlemas

Traditional name of Christian  
feast of purification of Mary  
and presentation of Christ.

Since 542, is celebrated

February 2. each year

AD 542

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Butonic plague swept the warmer  
countries of Eurasia from AD 542